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MEMORANDUM FOR [REDACTED], ONE

SUBJECT: Notes on 14 August 1953 Meeting of Special Committee of the Planning Board

The following notes were taken at a meeting of the Special Committee of the Planning Board on 14 August. At that meeting Colonel Greene of JCS briefed the Special Committee on the Nationalist's capabilities to expand its blockade of the China mainland. The following notes represent the substance of his remarks. I will try to borrow Colonel Greene's notes so that you may have a more complete account.

GREENE - JCS - On Nationalist Blockade

Present blockade more accurately regarded as "hazard to traffic" off Formosa coast

For close-in blockade (would stop all sea traffic):

84 ships (incl. 2 battleships)

Nationalists actually have 48 ships (of which 33 are in operation) suitable for blockade.

Nationalists maximum absorption of additional ships: 2 immediately and 6 eventually.

For Partial blockade - North of Formosa coastal and sea traffic intercepted;
South of Formosa no coastal traffic intercepted.

92 ships required (less larger ships, less air)

For barrier type (no coastal shipping, just sea shipping)
66 Destroyers

Any blockade would have to have US planning and direction.

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